

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC KVP Units Transferred

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1. Between 8 and 10 April 1953, all KVP units at Loebau were entrained. The troops carried full field packs and were equipped with light and heavy AT guns, mortars and motor vehicles.¹

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2. At about 8 a.m. on 10 April 1953, a KVP train of 7 boxcars with EM, who wore pink epaulets, and 18 flatcars with 7 trucks [REDACTED] ten 76.2-mm AT guns, 1 sedan and 3 field kitchens passed through [REDACTED] Oranienburg and, source believed, proceeded to Greifswald.²

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3. Between 7 and 12 April 1953, the KVP unit in the former Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock was transferred to Spechtberg/Torgelow, its new location by either rail or road. Cadre personnel, who arrived at Putlitz Kaserne from Kochstedt and Burg, included mainly officers and served to activate a new division. Source believed that the division headquarters would eventually be stationed at Prora.³

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4. On 11 and 12 April 1953, the men in Plant II at Rathenow, who wore blue patches, left by train with six 47-mm AT guns, four 76.2-mm guns and three field kitchens for an unidentified destination. On 14 April 1953, an advance party of about 12 VRs, who wore red patches, arrived at the post.⁴

5. On 8 April 1953, the Kochstedt KVPD loaded 45 guns and 35 trucks onto railroad cars. On 9 April 1953, 5 T-34 tanks and 5 other tanks were loaded at Mosigkau onto railroad cars, and fuel onto four gondola cars. Source stated that the transfer to Burg actually took place, while the other new location of the unit was Rostock, rather than Ruegen Island.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. During the winter half-year, the 3d Inf Regt of the Prenzlau Div was stationed at Loebau besides the Loebau KVPD. It is fairly definitely believed that this regiment was transferred to the Droegeheide area, north of Pasewalk. The Loebau KVPD is believed to have been transferred to the training grounds in the area south of Weisswasser. See [REDACTED].

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The train probably included elements of the mechanized regiment, which was transferred from Premnitz to Eggesin. See [REDACTED]. 25X1A

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. A previous report mentioned the transfer to Eggesin of the mechanized unit at Rostock. See [REDACTED] VP units seem to have been actually transferred from Kochstedt and Burg. See paragraphs 1 and 4 of [REDACTED] Several sources furnished information to this effect. The purpose of the transfer of elements of the Kochstedt KVPD to Burg is still undetermined.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. Another source stated that Plant II at Rathenow on 15 April 1953 was still occupied by the old unit. It is believed that he observed only a rear party. The advance party at Rathenow possibly came from Gotha just as the advance party which was observed at Premnitz on 11 April 1953.

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